been taken to upgrade the Medical College, Kolkata to the level of proposed AIIMS, under the "Pradhanmantri Swasthaya Suraksha Yojna". Under the scheme, the capital cost upto Rs. 120 crores is to be provided by the Central Government and the recurring cost for running the facilities of the upgraded College will be borne by the State Government. The project is expected to be completed during the next three years.

Forecast on Population Growth

555. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecological Society of India has forecast population growth rate of 55 per cent in the States like U.R, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Orissa during the period of twenty years, 1996 to 2016;

(b) if so, the growth rate recorded during 1996—2003 in these and other States; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to curb the growth rate in tune with the NPP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. As per the Report of the Technical Group on Population Projection 1996 constituted by Planning Commission, growth rates of the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Orissa during 1996—2016 are given below:—

States	%Population Growth Rate
Uttar Pradesh	54.89
Madhya Pradesh	41.75
Bihar	42.18
Rajasthan	43.62
Orissa	19.12

(b) Statement annexed *(See* below).

(c) The steps taken by the Government are as under-

(i) The National Population Policy 2000 has been adopted, and aims at attainment of Total Fertility Rate of 2.1 by 2010. A National Commission on Population has been constituted and the Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh registered, both under the Chairpersonship of the Prime Minister.

(ii) An Empowered Action Group has been created to focus on the specific unmet needs of the eight socio-demographically lagging States viz. Bihar; Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Orissa and Rajasthan.

(iii) New contraceptives have been added to the programme, namely IUD 380 A and the Emergency Contraceptive.

(iv) Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, issues of vacancies of ANMs, specialists, anaesthetists and lab technicians, availability of contraceptives and outreach of services related to mother and child care are being addressed.

Statement

Percentage increase in population in India

SI. No.	States	Percentage Population Growth Rate 1996-2003
1	2	3
1 .	Andhra Pr.	8.15
2.	Assam	9.72
3.	Bihar	13.37
4.	Gujarat	10.52
5.	Haryana	11.40
6.	Karnataka	9.42
7.	Kerala	6.69
8.	Madhya Pr.	13.36
9.	Maharashtra	8.29

1	2	3
10.	Orissa	6.70
11.	Punjab	8.36
12.	Rajasthan	13.48
13.	Tamil Nadu	6.31
14.	Uttar Pr.	16.36
15.	W. Bengal	9.90
16,	Delhi	31.93
17.	J&K	18.07
18.	HP	19.00
19.	Tripura	24.36
20.	Manipur	24.29
21.	Meghalaya	24.33
22.	Nagaland	25.77
23.	Goa	23.80
24.	Arunachal Pr.	24.86
25.	Pondicherry	24.56
26.	Mizoram	24.82
27.	Chandigharh	24.94
28.	Sikkim	24.54
29.	A&N Islands	24.48
30.	D&N Haveli	24.85
31.	Daman & Diu	24.79
32.	Lakshadweep	24.19
	ALL INDIA	11.70

Source: Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections constituted by the Planning Commission